MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An investigation has been conductd and a design for the bridge is under preparation by the Chief Engineer.

Water-supply at Alleppey.

185. ❋ MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how far the work in connection with the water-supply to the Municipal town of Alleppey is successful ; and

(*b*) whether any expert opinion has been obtained as to the quality and extent of water that can be obtained from the place where the work is going on ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The investigation to find the source for water by deep well boring has been successful. The one deep bore well bored has been tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer and found to yield a minimum steady yield of 17,000 gallons per hour on a continuous pumping test of 120 hours with a depression of 25 feet. It is calculated that a yield of 30,000 gallons per hour with a depression of 40 feet will be available after the deep well turbine pumps are fitted up.

(*b*) No expert opinion is required in the matter, as the quantity of yield has been actually tested by the Water Works and Drainage Engineer by continuous pumping and found quite satisfactory ; and as regards the quality, the water has been tested chemically by the Water Works Analyst and found to be quite good and bacteriologically by the Superintendent of the Government Public Health Laboratory with similar result.

The Gnekkad-Nadayara Trace.

186. ❋ MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 46, given on the floor of the Assembly, at its meeting held on the 14th November 1935, regarding the conversion of the trace from Gnekkad to Nadayara in the Chirayinkil taluk into a cart road, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the preliminary investigation was made ; and

(*b*) the amount of expenditure to be incurred in constructing the road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) In 1934.

(*b*) Rs. 9,600.

Electric Supply in the Trivandrum Town.

187. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the additional amount demanded from the applicants who apply for house connection of electric supply for their houses which are situated on the side of roads but not electrified ;

(*b*) whether the applicants have to defray the charges of poles wires, etc., on the road from the main line ; and

(*c*) whether from the applicants only the charge from the road to their houses will be demanded in future ?

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